GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the marine products exported during the last three years and thereafter alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;

(b) whether the export of marine products has declined;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken to enhance the export of marine products;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to produce high quality products to compete in the international market;

(e) whether the Government has permitted import of raw materials for the processing of sea food to be consumed in the domestic market;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the Marine Product Export Development Authority has introduced any subsidy assistance scheme to promote export of marine products; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (h) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 233 FOR ANSWER ON 7.3.2006 REGARDING `EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS`

(a) & (b) As per the export figures compiled by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), on the basis of shipping bills and invoices, the export of marine products to the major importing countries during the last three years and the current year (upto December, 2005) have been as follows:

(Q: Quantity in Metric Tones, V: Value in Million US $)

Country	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06 (Upto Dec.`05)	
		Export % growth		Export % growth		Export % growth		Export % growth
EU	Q.	94541 14.50	96284 1.84		117742 22.29		90692 6.64	
	V.	287.84 19.43	319.95 11.16		405.40 26.71		335.21 14.74	
USA	Q.	61703 25.82	53153 -13.86		50045 -5.85		42937 8.28	
	V.	424.51 41.95	365.84 -13.82		345.52 -5.55		296.39 9.61	
Japan	Q.	54916 -15.39	50020 -8.92		57832 15.62		41521 -2.59	
	V.	317.17 -17.20	253.86 -19.96		266.96 5.16		205.26 -2.78	
China	Q.	170811 26.75	123738 -27.56		124826 0.88		84545 -16.83	
	V.	158.23 25.92	151.60 -4.19		154.10 1.65		120.07 -2.10	
Total exports from India	Q.	467297 10.09	412017 -11.83		461329 11.97		341929 -3.58	
	V.	1424.90 13.69	1330.76 -6.61		1478.48 11.10		1190.44 5.63	

(c) & (d) The reasons for the negative growth of exports to some of the markets have been market factors, quality issues, anti-dumping duty, sanitary / phyto-sanitary measures, etc.

In order to encourage quality, Government has been extending financial assistance for up-gradation of processing facilities; setting up / up-gradation of labs for testing, arranging of training programmes for capacity building.

(e) & (f) Except for the sea food items put in the negative list, other items are freely importable on payment of prescribed duty.

(g) & (h) In order to increase the export of marine products, the Marine Products Export Development Authority has been extending financial assistance aimed at implementing programmes for capacity building, upgradation of processing facilities, expansion of aquaculture, assistance for production of value added products and marketing support.